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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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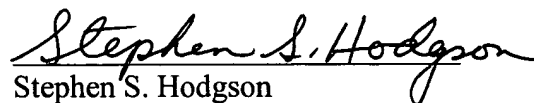
In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 22, 2001, a copy of which is attached, Applicants submit herewith an executed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$130.00. If additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0365, Attn: ENR100/4-17.

Applicants believe that the above-referenced nonprovisional application is now in full compliance with the formal requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

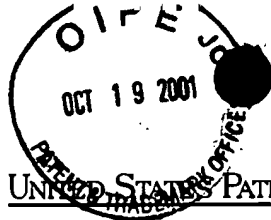
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1));

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